REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated December 29, 2008. Claims 23 to 27 are now pending in the application, with Claims 16, 20 and 21 having been cancelled herein. Claims 23, 24 and 26 are the independent claims herein. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Claims 16, 20 and 21 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,980,319 (Ohta). Although the rejected claims have been cancelled, thereby obviating the rejections, Applicant submits that newly-added independent Claims 23, 24 and 26 are believed to be allowable over Ohta for at least the following reasons.

The invention relates to displaying a print operation screen based on information received from a web server. According to the claims, image data and screen data are received from the web server. In addition, recommended models of printers are received from the web server, and a detection is performed to detect printers connected to the information processing apparatus based on a printer driver installed in the information processing apparatus. The received screen data is then displayed to display a name of the recommended model of the printer for printers detected as being connected. The user can then select a printer from the displayed screen data and the image data is converted accordingly and transmitted to the selected printer.

Referring specifically to the claims, Claim 23 is directed to an information processing apparatus communicating with a Web server through the Internet, comprising a first receiver that receives image data and screen data from the Web server, a display that

displays a print operation screen for setting a print condition based on the received screen data, a detector that detects printers connecting to said information processing apparatus based on a printer driver which has been installed into said information processing apparatus, a second receiver that receives a notice indicating recommended models of printers from the Web server, a display controller that controls the display to display the print operation screen to which a model name of a printer is added, the printer being connected to the information processing apparatus and being one of recommended printers included in the notice received from the Web server, a converter that converts the image data into print data according to the print condition set in the print operation screen by using the printer driver program corresponding to a printer selected among the printers displayed in the print operation screen, and a transmitter that transmits the print data to the selected printer.

Claim 24 is along the lines of Claim 23, but is more specifically directed to an information processing apparatus that displays a print operation screen used for setting print conditions on a display device based on screen data downloaded from a Web server on downloading image data from the Web server and converting the downloaded image data into print data according to the print conditions, comprising a detector that detects printers connected to the information processing apparatus based on a printer driver program which has been installed in the information processing apparatus, a receiver that receives recommended models of printers from the Web server, and a display controller that controls the display device to display a name of a printer in the print operation screen, the printer being detected by the detector and included in the recommended models of

printers.

Claim 26 is a method claim that substantially corresponds to Claim 24.

The art of record is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of Claims 23, 24 and 26, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of an information processing apparatus controlling a display device to display a name of a printer in a print operation screen, the printer being detected by the detector which detects printers connecting to the information processing apparatus based on a printer driver installed in the information processing apparatus, and included in recommended models of printers received from a web server.

Ohta is seen to be directed to a remote printing system that allows a user to send a print job from a portable digital device (PDD) to a print station for printing. In Ohta, an in particular, Fig. 23B and column 22, lines 25 to 67 as relied upon in the Office Action, the PDD receives printing capability information from each of printing stations 12A, 12B and 12C. If the print job is be a color copy, then the PDD determines, based on the received printing characteristics of each of the print stations, which station is capable of printing the color copy and selects that station. However, Ohta is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the features of an information processing apparatus controlling a display device to display a name of a printer in a print operation screen, the printer being detected by the detector which detects printers connecting to the information processing apparatus based on a printer driver installed in the information processing apparatus, and included in recommended models of printers received from a web server.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, independent Claims 23,

24 and 26, as well as the claims dependent therefrom, are believed to be allowable.

No other matters having been raised, the entire application is believed to be in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested at the Examiner's earliest convenience.

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